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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Contact Division, CO  
**FROM:** Chief, WE  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Interrogation of Nicholas Poppe

1. It is understood that Nicholas Poppe, an expert on Mongolia, is a cleared consultant for this Agency. He is a professor at the University of Washington, Seattle.

2. Please contact him for the purpose of securing answers to the questions listed in the attachment.

3. Prompt action on this request will be appreciated.

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Chief, WE

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1. To what extent is the Mongolian Peoples Revolutionary Party (M.P.R.P.) run by Mongols. To what extent - if any - do Burials or Russians appear among officials of the Party organs such as the Politburo?
2. The latest figures for Membership of the M.P.R.P. are 28,000 (as for December 1947) - of which 6.5% are described as workers, 54.9% "working cattle-breeders", 38.6% "working intellectuals". Does the party membership in fact extend to Mongol nomads i.e. cattle-breeders?
3. Has Outer Mongolia any trade by caravan or otherwise with:  

a) China,	c) Inner Mongolia,
b) Tibet,	d) Sinkiang,

  
or have the Soviets a complete monopoly of its foreign trade?
4. How far has the industrialization of Outer Mongolia gone? - either in regard to processing locally its agricultural raw materials or prospecting and development of mineral and other natural resources?
5. Are there any traces in Outer Mongolia of pan-Mongol sentiments, or evidence of a desire to absorb Inner Mongolia or the Mongol provinces of Manchuria with or without Soviet assistance.
6. What is the state of literacy and education generally? To what extent are young Mongols being given professional and technical education in the U.S.S.R.
7. Have the lamas and lamaseries been physically liquidated or do the former still exist in sufficient numbers, though severely restricted in power and possessions, to be used as political pawns by the Kremlin in Tibet or other Buddhist countries?
8. How far has Marx-Leninism permeated the Mongol psyche and tradition?
9. What is the position of the former Chinese Communities in Outer Mongolia? Is there any information regarding relations (if any?) between Communist China and Outer Mongolia today?

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